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SUBJECT: FAREWELL MESSAGE

(BEGIN TEXT) DEAR HERMANN: I COULD NOT LEAVE OFFICE WITHOUT FORMALIZING WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW: THAT I THINK YOU HAVE SERVED WITH THE UTMOST DISTINCTION AND INTEGRITY IN ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL POSTS OPEN TO PUBLIC SERVANTS IN THESE PAST FEW YEARS. OF COURSE YOU MIGHT HAVE DONE A LITTLE BIT BETTER AT KEEPING THE PRESIDENT'S HELICOPTER OPERATIONAL. BUT MORE SERIOUSLY, HERMANN, YOU HAVE PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE RESTORATION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB WORLD SINCE 1973, AND IN THE LIMITED BUT PROMISING STEPS WE HAVE TAKEN TOWARD PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AFTER ALMOST 30 YEARS OF CONSTANT STRIFE. I CAN THINK OF NO MORE ELOQUENT -- IF SIMPLE -- WAY TO DESCRIBE YOUR CON-
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TRIBUTION THAN TO SAY THAT I HONESTLY DO NOT BELIEVE WE COULD HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU. THE COMPLEXITIES OF DEALING WITH A SEVEN-THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD CULTURE ON BEHALF OF ONE WHICH HAS JUST REACHED ITS 200TH BIRTHDAY HAVE NOT BEEN LOST ON ME, AND I THINK YOU CAN BE ASSURED OF A PLACE IN THE DIPLOMATIC HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. BEYOND THAT, YOUR INTEGRITY, DISCRETION, AND WISE COUNSEL HAVE

CONVINCED ME THAT AT LEAST THEORETICAL CONSIDERATION OUGHT

TO BE GIVEN TO HAVING A CAREER SECRETARY OF STATE FROM
TIME TO TIME. I DO NOT BY ANY MEANS COUNT JANUARY 20 AS
THE END OF OUR ASSOCIATION AND FRIENDSHIP, AND I WISH YOU
ALL THE BEST FOR THE FUTURE. (END TEXT)
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